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DOT-E 10897
(FOURTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: June 30, 2002

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: U.S. Department of Defense
Washington, D.C.

(See Appendix A to this document for a list of additional grantees)

2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION: This exemption authorizes the transportation of a water reactive material in special packaging without being labeled or marked with the proper shipping name, and when in the quantities as specified herein, in transport vehicles or freight containers that are not placarded with Division 4.3 placards. This exemption provides no relief from any regulation other than as specifically stated herein.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 172.301, § 172.400, § 172.504(a) in that certain marking, labeling & placarding provisions are waived; and § 173.211 insofar as non-DOT specification packaging is not authorized.
5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of U.S. Department of Defense dated June 15, 2000, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

| Hazardous materials description -- proper shipping name | Hazard Class/ Division | Identi- fication Number | Packing Group |
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| Water-reactive solid, n.o.s. (Magnesium-iron alloy) | 4.3 | UN2813 | I |

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7. PACKAGING AND SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. Packaging prescribed is a non-DOT specification packaging as described below -

(1) Each Flameless Ration Heater is hermetically sealed in a 2.5 mil high density polyethylene bag.

(2) Twelve of these units are shrink wrapped in a polyethylene sleeve.

(3) Twenty-four shrink-wrapped packs are assembled in three rows of eight into a fire-retardant fiberboard box. This packaging is shown in detail in Attachment 3 to the application.

(4) The gross weight of the bulk pack unit may not exceed 30 pounds.

(5) Palletized unit loads of bulk pack units are strapped tightly to the pallet base, capped with weather resistant fiberboard and wrapped in polymeric stretch or shrink wrap material.

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS - The placarding requirements of § 172.504 pertaining to Division 4.3 materials are applicable to shipments made under the terms of this exemption, except that Division 4.3 placarding is not required when the aggregate gross weight of packages covered by this exemption in any transport vehicle or freight container does not exceed 100 kg (220 pounds), and the transport vehicle or freight container contains no other material requiring Division 4.3 placards.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. A person who is not a holder of this exemption who receives a package covered by this exemption may reoffer it for transportation provided no modifications or change are made to the package and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this exemption and the HMR.

b. A current copy of this exemption must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, cargo aircraft only.

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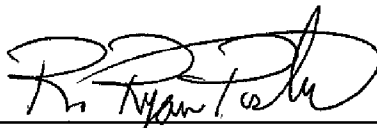
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each cargo vessel and aircraft used to transport packages covered by this exemption. The shipper must furnish a current copy of this exemption to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.
11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this exemption and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:
- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
 - o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8 who performs a function subject to this exemption must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this exemption in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this exemption, including display of its number, when the exemption has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The carrier is required to report any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (AAHMS) as soon as practicable. (Sections 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken under the authority of this exemption.) In addition, the holder(s) of this exemption must inform the AAHMS, in writing, of any incidents involving the package and shipments made under the terms of this exemption.

Issued at Washington, D.C.:


for Robert A. McGuire
Acting Associate Administrator
or Hazardous Materials Safety

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Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590.
Attention: DHM-31.

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